

Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods 2021 Questions Frequently Asked by Participants

What is the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods (PHDCN)?

The PHDCN is a longitudinal study that began over 25 years ago. The purpose of this data collection is to follow up with people who participated in our most recent wave of data collection in 2012-13. While PHDCN participants originally all lived in the city of Chicago, some have since moved elsewhere. The study covers a range of topics, including neighborhood safety, interactions with law enforcement, family health, and well-being. Ultimately, the project seeks to assess the effects of violence on long-term social, economic, and health outcomes.

Why are you conducting this survey?

PHDCN is a large-scale study of the complex influences on human development by community and family. Directed by researchers from Harvard University—who developed a coordinated approach to the study of human development—it aims to advance science and enrich policy with new strategies for crime prevention and fostering community health.

Who is conducting this survey?

The 2021 PHDCN is being conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago in collaboration with Professor Robert Sampson at Harvard University. The survey is funded by a collaborative grant from Arnold Ventures, Wells Fargo, Missouri Foundation for Health, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, and Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation.

What is NORC?

Founded in 1941 as the National Opinion Research Center, NORC at the University of Chicago is an independent, non-partisan research organization headquartered in downtown Chicago. NORC collaborates with government agencies, foundations, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and businesses to conduct social science research that serves the public good and informs important decisions about our society.

To find out more about NORC at the University of Chicago, you can contact the project director, Ned English, at phdcn@norc.org. You can also visit the PHDCN page on NORC's website at <https://www.norc.org/Research/Projects/Pages/project-on-human-development-in-chicago-neighborhoods-2021.aspx>.

How can I take the survey?

Participants have three options for completing the survey. The first option is to complete the survey online. Alternatively, you may elect to complete the survey with an interviewer from NORC over the phone or in person at your home. The questions will be the same regardless of whether you take the survey online, over the phone, or in person.

How much time will it take?

The web survey should take approximately 20 minutes to complete. A phone or in-person interview should take approximately 35 minutes to complete.

Why should I participate?

You have an opportunity to help fill gaps in our knowledge about crime, violence, and neighborhood wellbeing. You are one of a small number of people who are being asked to tell us about your experiences. In order for our study to be able to assess long-term outcomes, it is crucial that we interview each participant. The success of this study depends very much on your cooperation.

Will I be compensated?

Participants will receive a \$40 electronic gift card from your choice of major retailer after we receive your eligible completed survey.

How will I learn about this study's results?

The easiest way to learn about the results will be from the PHDCN page on Harvard University's website, <https://scholar.harvard.edu/sampson/content/chicago-project-phdcn-0>. That site will be updated with information from the 2021 study.

What kind of questions will you ask?

The questions we'll ask have to do with you, your family, and your neighborhood. The project will examine how experiences growing up in Chicago impacted people later in life no matter where they are now living. So even if you don't currently live in Chicago it is important that we hear about your experiences. You can decline to answer any question that you feel uncomfortable with. Most participants find the survey to be interesting, and they enjoy the opportunity to talk about their experiences.

Will my personal identity and responses remain confidential?

Yes. It is important to us to protect your privacy. The responses you provide are being collected with software that is designed to secure your data and provide you with confidentiality.

This research is covered by a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health. This Certificate means no one in the government can make the study researchers break their promise of confidentiality to you, ensuring an extra level of privacy. Your survey answers are protected by this Certificate and cannot be disclosed to anyone who is not connected with the research. The study researchers may not disclose or use information that may identify you in any government (federal, state, or local) action, suit, or proceeding. Your answers may not be used as evidence, even if there is a court subpoena, unless you have agreed to this use.

Information from all the participants we survey will be combined and presented in the form of summary statistics, tables, and graphs. Your name or other identifying information will never be released to the public.

How was I chosen for this study?

You or your parent/guardian were last interviewed for the PHDCN about 8 years ago. The 2021 PHDCN seeks to follow up with individuals since the most recent wave of data collection in 2012-13.

Why can't you interview someone else?

You were statistically selected for this survey. To maintain the scientific integrity of the study, we cannot interview another person in your place.

Who can I contact with questions about the study?

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